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WEATHER.
 WASHINGTON, July 20.—For lower Michigan: showers, followed by much cooler weather; clearing, shifting to westerly and warmer.

DEATH OF THE GERRYMANDER.

Palpable as it has been from the start, the ignorance, dishonesty and incompetence of the democratic accident of 1891 was emphasized yesterday by the unanimous opinion of the supreme court on the gerrymander act which the squabblers, blinded by lust of power, attempted to foist upon the people of Michigan. The act was conceived and brought forth by the most brazen legislature that ever polluted the Capitol at Lansing. The object of the corrupt act was the perpetuation of power, secured at the polls through false pretenses. It was a desperate attempt to retain supremacy, and on it the democrats staked all their hopes of future triumphs and spoils. But in their inordinate greed for fat places they overreached themselves. The supreme court in its fearless and sweeping decision of yesterday administered to the democratic party in the state a blow which will paralyze it for years. In pursuance of this decision the election of senators and representatives will revert to the apportionment of 1881. Under that apportionment, concededly a fair one, made by a republican legislature, the people will be permitted to elect the next legislature on a fair and equitable basis. Population and geographical location were carefully weighed and an equitable districting resulted. Republicans will be both satisfied and gratified to measure arms with the democrats under the apportionment of 1881, and are confident that a majority of the 100 representatives and thirty-two senators will be republicans. With a less numerous legislative body the pledge of the Saginaw convention to retrench state expenditures and limit the legislative session to 100 days will be made the easier to redeem.

HELP THE NEEDY.

Mayor Stuart has issued a call for a meeting to be held tonight to take steps to raise funds for the relief of the homeless victims of Monday's fire at Bay City. There are 1,000 persons in that city today that are without where to lay their heads except upon the green sward of the public park in which they are assembled for temporary refuge. They are without food or raiment, except what falls from the hand of charity. In the ruins of the district devastated by fire lie the accumulations of their toil. In a few brief hours the savings of years were wiped out by greedy flames. Their condition is one of pressing distress. They do not cry out like mendicants for relief, but their extreme misery mutely appeals to those that have never known the hard lines of unfortunateness. Bay City is a sister, her people are a part of us and their misery will excite the most generous commiseration and substantial relief. Other cities are responding to her call for aid. Grand Rapids, invited by the mayor, will not be among the least of those to contribute to the total that shall send joy and comfort to the homeless and disconsolate, huddled together in the city park at Bay City—refugees from their homes, driven before the angry flames. Turn out to the meeting!

OUR SUPREME COURT.

There is one thing in connection with the recent decisions of the supreme court that will commend itself to the intelligence and patriotism of all, and that is that the court is not an arbitrary political machine to be used to exalt partisanship and disgrace law. Its decisions may not conform to the preconceived and prejudiced opinions of rabid partisans, but they conform to the high standard demanded of an incorruptible tribunal. With a court of last resort dominated by a narrow spirit of subservience to the whims of artful politicians the dignity of the law would be degraded and the stability of our institutions would be shaken at every turn in the tide of political strife and conquest. With that court blinded to every consideration other than exact and even handed justice, the maintenance of social order, the rights of property and the sacred prerogatives of citizenship will be preserved inviolate and unextinguishable. It is a wholesome lesson in patriotism that the decrees of the supreme court of Michigan as it stands today are unimpaired with the suspicion that the political sympathies of a majority are prostituted to content the laws to satisfy the clamor of their intemperate fellow partisans. In rendering its decision annulling the vicious gerrymander of the state the court distinguished itself by the unanimity of its sentiment. In holding the Miner bill constitutional it ratified an act passed by a dishonestly secured majority of the legislature, but thieves are not incapable of performing lawful acts. The minority of the Miner bill is not in its vicious provisions, but in its manifest unfairness to the people of the state.

WAGES AND PROFITS.

From the beginning of the Home-Steel outlook there has been little inquiry made as to the real question at stake and the motives prompting the men behind it. It has already been shown in these columns that the price of raw material entering into the manufacture of steel has been decreased in the past two years and that the selling price of the manufactured article has increased. Other things being equal it would be no justification for a reduction in wages. But the public is informed that by the use of new and improved machinery the workmen are able to produce more of the finished product and that their wages are correspondingly increased. What of the profits of the company? If the men produce more the company must sell more and its profits on a small production is not lessened but enhanced by the larger production. The present scale went into effect when material was higher and the selling price lower than now. The improved machinery has increased the production and correspondingly increased the profits of the company. Under the scale adopted two years ago, with material lower and the market higher and increased production by improved machinery, the profits of the company are obviously greater. To reduce wages is therefore selfish, sordid and unjustifiable. In this view of the controversy it is immaterial whether the men are well or poorly paid. The company's profits cannot be impaired if this statement be true if they shall continue the old scale. They will be increased if the new scale providing for a reduction of 18 per cent is forced on to the men. The new scale means less wages for the men and more profit for the company.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

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 ARRESTED BY THE POLICE

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The bogus check swindler, who has been operating in this city and Muskegon, has been apprehended and is locked up at police headquarters. He was arrested last night at the corner of Canal and Bridge streets by Officers Connors and Price, and when taken to the station he admitted that he is the guilty man and gave his name as Patrick Ryan. The police department was put on its guard yesterday afternoon by several telephone messages announcing that a man was about town trying to pass a check purporting to have been issued by the First National bank of Cleveland, Ohio. The swindle perpetrated on E. Burkhardt, the Canal street furniture dealer, a few days ago being fresh in their minds they were suspicious that everything was not right. After having gone into several places and failed to work his scheme Ryan wound up at Undertaker Kach's on West Bridge street and went to buy a coffin.

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BLOCKS ARE NO GO

Residents of Lyon Street Are
 Squabbling

OVER THE NEW IMPROVEMENT

One Faction Wants Cedar Blocks and the Other Wants Gravel—They May Compromise.

The committee on streets had its hands full of business at the meeting of the council committee last night. The meeting of the committee proper was barren of results. A new street sweeper was to have been placed on exhibition, but when the time arrived to show its good qualities and general efficiency a much welcomed rain came and the matter had to be deferred. The representative of a street sign company was expected to appear before the committee but he was absent. These matters, with the proposed improvement of Wood-lawn avenue and East street, were postponed for one week. The committee then adjourned to meet with the aldermen of the second and fourth wards and residents of Lyon street for the purpose of conferring in regard to the improvement of that street. Cedar block pavement has been proposed for that street and H. B. Fialas and others object to that material in a decided and vigorous manner.

Those that oppose the block pavement ask that the street be gravelled, and this proposition is as strenuously opposed by the advocates of cedar blocks. The discussions were warm and animated, and the committee understood the fire from each faction with a bold front. The question has caused so much opposition that it is thought probably that a compromise will be made and the street will be MacAdamized.

The aldermen from the fifth ward, to whom was referred the petition of Taylor street residents for the removal of a side track recently put in by the D. & H. & M. are divided on the question and the matter will be held open another week.

Must Resume Its Service.
 Yesterday the city marshal served notice on the Consolidated Street Railway company to resume service on the Hall street line, between Madison avenue and Lafayette street. Notices were also served on the Telephone, Electric Light and Street Car companies to remove their poles to the outside of the curb in Lyon street, between Barclay and North Union streets.

It is said that there are at least a score of brokers in New York who make it a business of making bets on the races for women. There are many respectable ladies among their clientele, and perhaps the majority of them are respectable, inasmuch as the other class go to the races and make their own bets, requiring no commission merchant, except the messenger who carries their money to the bookmaker and returns the ticket. It is needless to say that the women who play the race almost invariably lose their money.

Colonel Cockerill's New York Morning Advertiser says Colonel McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, is a very nice gentleman and all that, but—Colonel McClure will engage in a joint debate with Governor McKinley on the question of the tariff and the protection of American industries and labor, and when it is done there will not be enough left of a good Philadelphia editor and genial gentleman to bait a mouse trap.

Five carloads of California fruit were shipped from New York to Europe yesterday. The White Star people have had 500-ton refrigerating compartments fitted up in four steamers.

It is not yet reported that William F. Harris, chairman of the democratic national committee, has resigned his \$4,000 place as secretary of state of Pennsylvania.

The state tax of the estate of John Jacob Astor will amount to about \$209,000.

ON A KEEN RUN



Refers to our topic today in this wise: As a keen run brings to a speedy end one's journey, so a keen mind brings quickly to a successful issue whatever business its possessor may be engaged in. To succeed in business you must be KEEN. Not the keenness of the razor or the sharpness of the scissors or cutting like the pocket knife, but active, up to snuff, progressive, energetic.

LOOK AT OUR DISPLAY TODAY!

Wostenholm Razors, Wade & Butcher's Razors, Star Safety Razors, Holly Pocket Knives, Wostenholm Pocket Knives, Heinisch Scissors, Paper Hangers, Bankers, Barbers and Tailors' Shears, Button-hole and Pocket Scissors, Manicure and Lace Scissors, Bread Knives, Butcher Knives, Lemon and Kitchen Knives, Table Knives, Butter Knives, Butchers' Cleavers, Carpenters' Drawing Knives, all kinds of Chisels and Carving Tools, exemplifying in their keenness of edge.

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